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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NEW NAS FOREIGN SECRETARY HAMMOND

1. FOLLOWING DATA PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION. NEWLY-ELECTED NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES FOREIGN SECRETARY GEORGE HAMMOND, WHO BEGAN FOUR-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ON JULY 1, 1974, PLANS TO BE IN PRAGUE, BUDAPEST, AND BELGRADE FOR BRIEF VISITS AT END OF JULY. HAMMOND IS PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN SANTA CRUZ, WHERE HE WAS ALSO VICE CHANCELLOR OF NATURAL SCIENCES, A POSITION HE RELINQUISHED IN ORDER TO ASSUME DUTIES AS NAS FOREIGN SECRETARY.

2. HAMMOND PARTICIPATING IN IUPAC SYMPOSIUM ON

PHOTOCHEMISTRY BEING HELD JULY 21-26 IN ENSCHEDE, THE NETHERLANDS, AND AFTERWARDS WILL VISIT PRAGUE, BUDAPEST, AND BELGRADE TO MEET WITH OFFICERS OF CZECH ACADEMY, HUNGARIAN ACADEMY, AND COUNCIL OF ACADEMIES OF YUGOSLAVIA, WHO MAY BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME, PARTICULARLY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN ACTIVITIES AND RELATIONS. HAMMOND'S EASTEUROPEAN VISITS ARE ESSENTIALLY FOR FAMILIARIZATION:

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HE HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA OR HUNGARY.

HOWEVER, HE HAS BEEN IN YUGOSLAVIA WHERE HE HAS SOME PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS.

3. HIS ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

JULY 28 DEPART AMSTERDAM AT 1240 VIA MALEV AIRLINES
640 ARRIVING PRAGUE AT 1410.

JULY 30 DEPART PRAGUE AT 1235 VIA AIR FRANCE 716
ARRIVING BUDAPEST AT 1335.

AUGUST 1 DEPART BUDAPEST AT 0700 VIA MALEV AIRLINES
430 ARRIVING BELGRADE AT 0750.

(NOTE: HAMMOND IS WAITLISTED FOR YUGOSLAV AIRLINES
301 DEPARTING BUDAPEST ON JULY 31 AT 1220 ARRIVING
BELGRADE 1310. HE PREFERS THAT FLIGHT AND HOPES TO
GET CONFIRMED FOR IT.)

AUGUST 2 DEPART BELGRADE FOR LONDON VIA YUGOSLAV
AIRLINES 210 AT 0940.

4. NAS HAS REQUESTED FOREIGN DEPARTMENTS OF EACH ACADEMY
TO RESERVE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DURATION OF STAY IN
EACH CITY AT HAMMOND'S EXPENSE. NAS ASSUMES THAT ACADEMY
REPRESENTATIVES IN EACH CITY WILL MEET HAMMOND UPON
ARRIVAL AND ARRANGE LOCAL PROGRAM. NAS HAS NO SPECIFIC
REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE, BUT IF HAMMOND REQUIRES
ASSISTANCE, PLEASE EXTEND AS APPROPRIATE. KISSINGER

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